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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ELECTROLYTE FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC
DEVICE AS WELL AS PHOTOVOLTAIC
DEVICE AND DYE-SENSITIZED SOLAR
CELL INCLUDING THAT ELECTROLYTE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

The relevance of Citation BA can be found in its attached English-language abstract. The relevance of Citation BB can be found in Citation BC which is a PCT counterpart thereof. The relevance of Citation BD can be found in its attached English-language abstract. The relevance of Citation BE can be found in Citation AA which is a US counterpart thereof.

Citation BA was a cited reference in an Office Action (copy enclosed) from the Japanese Patent Office for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2006-534496 mailed February 12, 2007. Citation BB, BD, and BE were cited references in an Office Action (copy enclosed) from the Japanese Patent Office for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-104444 mailed February 26, 2008.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21713-00032-US1. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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